

6 April, 2018
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Dear Dad,

I numbered the enclosures for easy reference.

I found the baptismal record for my Great Grandfather and your Grandfather father John Saimon Lackovic (enc #1 is his WWII Registration Card). The record (enc. #2) is in Latin, so he is Joannes (Latin for John) Laczkovics (The surname is also spelled like that on the 1915 N.J. census (enc. #3). There is a note at the end of his baptismal record on Line # 17. It says he married Julianna Strarcar August 29, 1910. On that date he would have been 25, and Great Grandma Julia Lackovic would have been 17. Note also the 1915 N.J. census says they had been in the country 2 years, so they immigrated to America 1912/1913--they were adults. One other thing to note, if you look at the family tree I created as a teenager from the information from talking to Grandma (enc #4), the Laczkovics were from Katlovce (as it says on Joannes Laczkovics' baptismal record) and the Stracars were from Dechtice in western Slovakia. Katlovce (2016 population 1,171, 4.5 miles²) is roughly 5-8 miles away from Dechtice (2015 population of 1,857, 7.5 miles²). Both are located in the Trnava Region, but the districts in Trnava used to be districts of Bratislava (map is enc. #5). Bratislava is about 25-35 miles from Vienna.

I also located the baptismal record of my Great Grandfather and your Grandfather Michael Stephen Ference (enc. #6 is his WWII Registration Card)(enc #7 is his baptismal record). János is Hungarian for John. On his WWII Registration Card Mihály Ferencz stated he was born in Kassa, Czechoslovakia. Kassa is the Hungarian name for Košice. Košická Belá had a population of 962 inhabitants in 2005; it is 15 miles²; it is in eastern Slovakia. Košická Belá is about 15 miles from the Hungarian border and roughly 185 miles from Bratislava (enc #8). The baptismal record for Mihály Ferencz is in Hungarian. The 1915 N.J. census says it has been 12 years since he arrived in America (enc #9); the 1930 census says he immigrated in 1901 (enc # 10). So he would have been 11-13 years old when he emigrated from Slovakia--he was a kid when he emigrated. ~~I did see records for a couple of siblings (see enc #11).~~ Note that Istvan is Hungarian for Stephen (see family tree enc #4)

I also made a new family tree with the new info.

Sincerely >>

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Dad,

I have found additional records for some members of the family tree. I found baptismal records for some siblings of my great grandfather and your grandfather John Saimon Lackovic >> namely: Helena, Maria, Simeon, and an unnamed daughter who was not baptized and probably died stillborn. It is here noted Josephus Lackovic is a colonus; colonus is Latin for farmer. The sibling's mother Helena's maiden name is spelt different on each database record of the baptism: Leszar, Leszaj, Laszar, Lessay, Leszai. On all the baptismal records Simeon Behul is listed as the baptismal sponsor. Up to 1883 Anna Valovic is his co-sponsor; afterwards his wife Maria Miklasovics is his co-sponsor. Simeon Laczkovics (b.1896) is probably named after this Simeon Behul. Just like the Stracars were from Dechtice, a village a few miles to the north of Katlovce, Simeon Behul is from Dolne Dubove, a village a few miles to the south of Katlovce. In 2004 Dolne Dubove had a population of 592 people. Simeon Behul is also a farmer. And just like Josephus Laczkovics had a son named Simeon. Simeon Behul had a son named Josephus.

I found a database record of an 1892 (Same year as my Great Grandma Julia Lackovic was born) baptism of a child of Stephanus and Maria Sztracsar of Dechtice; no first name was listed on the record. I also found an 1895 baptismal record of Anna Sztracsar, the child of Stephanus Sztracsar and Maria Thuranszki of Dechtice. I found an 1865 baptismal record of a Stephanus Sztracsar of Tisovec; I don't know if it is your Grandmother Julia Lackovic's father. I thought I'd mention it though, because it said his father was named Joannes, and his mother was named Maria Bobala, and curiously there is a 22 year-old boarder named Anna Bobalko living at John and Julia Lackovic's Cliffside residence according to the 1940 US census.

I also found an 1890 baptismal record for a Susanna Fedorjak. Her parents are Mihaly Fedorjak and Anna Szedlak. She was baptized in Jarabina, a village located on the Slovak/Polish border. Her brother Joannes Fedorjak, child of Michael Fedorjak and Ana Sedlak, was baptized in Matysova, a nearby village, both in the Stara Lubovna district.

I updated the family tree. The public is only allowed to view census records up to 1940, therefore I may have missed one of your cousins or may have got something wrong. The 1950 census records will be made publicly available in 2022.

Best

Randy

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